



William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel

April 14, 1934 - February 8, 2016

Services for William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel, 81 of the Forest Grove Community, will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2016 in the Forest Grove Christian Church with burial in the Forest Grove Cemetery. Pastor Lance Walch of Forest Grove Christian Church will officiate. Visitation is Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home.

Billy Tom was born April 14, 1934 in Rockdale to Arthur Talmadge and Ruby Lee (Offield) McDaniel. He has lived in the Forest Grove Community all of his life. He was a 1951 graduate of Rockdale High School and a Veteran of the U.S. Army. On August 31, 1958, he and Florene Frosch were married in Lexington. During his working career, he began at Henry's Garage in Rockdale. He later joined Alcoa working in the storeroom and then in the mine warehouse, retiring in 1995. He was a member of Forest Grove Christian Church and a founding member of Milam County Genealogical Society. He was a ham radio operator and during that time he would be called upon to keep communication open with any disaster and family members. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, growing vegetables, listening to country music, but most of all, he loved being with his grandchildren.

Billy Tom passed away Monday, February 8, 2016 in the Scott & White Hospital in Temple after a sudden illness. He is preceded in death by his

parents; a sister, Mary Bess Moerbe; a nephew, Brian Lee Moerbe and niece, Juneva Marshall.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Florene McDaniel of Forest Grove; Sons, Dr. Alan McDaniel of Indianola, Iowa and Charles "Chuck" McDaniel and wife Sharon of Forest Grove; Daughter, Jayne Rhodes and husband Dane of Raymondville; Brother, Jim McDaniel and wife Lea of Fairfax Station, Virginia and six grandchildren, Sierra Rhodes, Wyatt Rhodes, Kendall McDaniel, Lathan McDaniel, Mallory McDaniel and Macy McDaniel.

Serving as pallbearers are, Rod Spence, Claude Spence, Jimmy Keen, David Krause, Leonard Siefert, Charles Frosch, Charles Hubert and David Boyd.

Cemetery Details

Forest Grove Cemetery

8902 South Highway 77
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Chapel Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Forest Grove Christian Church
8902 South Highway 77
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 10, 2016 at 11:05 AM

LC

*What a wonderful video tribute Florene I'm so sorry, you have my deepest sympathy. I will never forget the people at Forest Grove and their kindness thru Richards illness. I'm sorry I didn't find out until yesterday.
I'll never forget y'all and love y'all all.
Lynda Gale Herridge Crockett*

lynda crockett - February 11, 2016 at 09:00 PM

BN

Florene, I am truly sorry for your loss. I know he was not only your husband, but your best friend, What a loving and blessed family. I know he will be greatly missed. Try to hold on to all of the wonderful memories that you shared. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Barbara Praesel Nauert

Barbara Nauert - February 13, 2016 at 07:42 PM

PB

My brother, Jimmy Smith, was a very good friend of Billy Tom's in high school and FFA. They went through all the live stock shows in Ft. Worth and Houston together. I am so very sorry for your loss. We lost Jimmy 7 years ago but I wanted you to know how much Billy Tom was thought of by my brother.

Polly Smith Beachem

Polly Smith Beachem - March 02, 2016 at 07:37 PM

KT

“ *Florene, Jayne, Alan, Chuck and family,
So sorry to hear about Billy Tom, my thoughts and prayers are with
you all.
I know he was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend
to all. Remember all the wonderful times you had together. May
God wrap his arms around you in the days to come and give you
comfort.
Love in Christ,
Karen (Wadlington) Taylor*

Karen Taylor - February 12, 2016 at 12:35 PM

BK

“ *BETH BRATTON, RICHARD & DENA KOCIAN
purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the
family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.*



BETH BRATTON, RICHARD & DENA KOCIAN - February 11,
2016 at 11:10 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.*



February 11, 2016 at 09:32 AM

FM

“ Frank & Lori Montelongo lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel



Frank & Lori Montelongo - February 11, 2016 at 08:35 AM

TF

“ The Ross Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.



The Ross Family - February 10, 2016 at 09:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.



February 10, 2016 at 08:15 PM

SS

“ SAN PERLITA ISD ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.



SAN PERLITA ISD ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF - February 10, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.*



February 10, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ *"Cotton" and Marie Hubert purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.*



"Cotton" and Marie Hubert - February 10, 2016 at 02:09 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you all.
Doug, Lisa and Jakob Schlemmer*

Lisa Schlemmer - February 10, 2016 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jackie Robinson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.*



Jackie Robinson - February 10, 2016 at 12:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.*



February 10, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 10, 2016 at 10:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.*



February 10, 2016 at 09:29 AM

CH

“ To the McDaniel family: So sorry to hear about your loss. Heaven has gained a special angel; thoughts and prayers sent; remember the good times and cherish the memories.
Cindy Hughes



Cindy Hughes - February 10, 2016 at 08:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.



February 10, 2016 at 02:08 AM

CB

“ I always sat in front of Billy Tom in church and always loved visiting with him. Such a nice man! He will truly be missed and my heart goes out to his family.
Connie Britton

Connie Britton - February 09, 2016 at 10:13 PM

MK

“ Morris and Vernell Kastner purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.



Morris and Vernell Kastner - February 09, 2016 at 10:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" McDaniel.*



February 09, 2016 at 08:43 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and give you peace is our prayer.
With sincere sympathy,
Bob and Donna Melcher and Family*

Bob and Donna Melcher - February 09, 2016 at 05:55 PM